

RIVER BEND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2
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BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION WAIVER HEARING
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

River Bend Community Unit School District #2

January 21, 2021

The Physical Education Hearing of the Board of Education of River Bend Unit District #2, Whiteside County, Illinois was held on January 20, 2021, at Fulton High School.

Member Simmons was appointed Secretary Pro Tem.

President Portz called the Physical Education Hearing to order at 6:36 P.M. Upon Roll Call by the Secretary Pro Tem the following members were present: Chris Barnett, Andy Meyers, Jane Orman-Luker, Dan Portz, and Mary Simmons. Absent: Eric Fish and Jay Ritchie. Others present: Darryl Hogue, Superintendent and Virginia Petersen, Recording Secretary.

President Portz led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Portz asked if anyone would like to speak as part of public comment. There was no public comment.

Dr. Hogue indicated that waivers for physical education are once again required and are for five-years instead of three-years.

It was moved by Member Portz, seconded by Member Barnett, to adjourn the public hearing at 6:39 P.M. Voice Vote, all yea, motion carried.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of River Bend Community Unit School District #2, Whiteside County, Illinois, was held on January 20, 2021, at Fulton High School.

(Member Fish entered at 6:40 P.M.).

President Portz called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:40 P.M. Upon Roll Call by the Secretary the following members were present: Chris Barnett, Eric Fish, Andy Meyers, Jane Orman-Luker, Dan Portz, and Mary Simmons. Absent: Jay Ritchie. Others present: Darryl Hogue, Superintendent and Virginia Petersen, Recording Secretary.

President Portz welcomed all visitors including: Mark Hanson and Bob Lewis. Principals: Robert Gosch, Jeffrey Hoese, and Kathleen Schipper. Assistant Principal: Patrick Henrekin. RBEA: Craig Hafner (remote). Media: Sara Ford, Sauk Valley Media (remote); Jerry Lindsey, Cityone.com (remote), and Winona Whitaker, Clinton Herald (remote).

Additions to the agenda. Dr. Hogue added discussion of athletic fees under Superintendent's report.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to approve the agenda as amended. Voice vote, all yea, motion carried.

There was no communication from the RBEA.

President Portz asked if anyone would like to speak as part of public forum. There was no public comment.

Principal reports. Mr. Hoese reported that since the start of the school year Fulton Elementary School has had ten (10) staff members and ten (10) students that tested positive for Covid 19. Mr. Hoese is also researching finance options for a modular dedicated STEM space. Mr. Hoese shared some of the projects students and Ryan Dail have created with the new 3-D printer and is looking at adding curriculum for 3-D printing.

Mrs. Schipper indicated that the number of students failing one or more classes is decreasing. Students are still being allowed to make-up work after school. Reagan's closet was able to provide gifts for students to give to family members. It has become a school wide project with student, parents, and staff donating items.

Mr. Gosch provided a competency based education update. Students are beginning to recognize the vocabulary in all subject areas. Students will see the concepts multiple times throughout the year and in grades to follow. The Board still has concerns on whether students are learning the proper way to communicate. Also, all teachers are not trained in English/Language Arts and it may be difficult without training to teach concepts outside their main subject area. Mr. Gosch indicated the math committee has recommended moving away from integrated math and is moving back to Math I, II, and III. The committee is still determining what students are deficient in and what areas need improvement. Dr. Hogue indicated that ESSA money can be used for curriculum and technology upgrades.

Mark Hanson and Bob Lewis gave a brief description of PMA and their services. PMA solely works as a financial advisor with a fiduciary duty to the District. Other highlights include:

- Transparent fees
- Proven track record with Illinois school districts
- #1 financial advisor for 13 years
- Senior advisors with previous experience at underwriting firms
- Team approach to quantitative analysis that generates unique solutions
- Exemplary client service
- Results in an effective understanding of the client's complete financial picture
- Commitment to a long-term relationship with the District

Dr. Hogue indicated that PMA's fees are the lowest of the three services he has consulted and he likes the finance assistance they can provide as well. Dr. Hogue will bring a recommendation to the board in February.

Dr. Hogue informed the Board enrollment is holding steady at 898. Pre-K screening is scheduled for March 22 and April 12. Kindergarten round-up will be scheduled in the spring.

Dr. Hogue indicated the pause after winter break worked well. The district still has eighty (80) families that are full remote. The administration is looking at increasing the school day and would like to begin dismissing at 2:30 P.M. after spring break but first need to carefully plan and gather input from staff to see if extending the school day is doable. Administration of the vaccine for school employees has begun. The clinics fill up fast and the number of doses is still limited. If multiple employees get the vaccine on the same day and have side effects, the use of a remote day may be necessary.

Dr. Hogue reviewed the 2021-22 Public School Calendar. The school year begins Monday, August 16, 2021, with students beginning August 18, 2021, with the last student attendance day on May 24, 2022, High School graduation will be on May 22, 2022. Conferences will be Thursday, November 4, 2021, and Friday November 5, 2021. The high school will have an abbreviated conference schedule and host a curriculum night in the spring. Veteran’s Day will be a school day since it falls in the middle of the week. Casmir Pulaski Day will also be a school day. The winter Teacher Institute Day will be the Monday after winter break on January 3, 2022.

Dr. Hogue informed the Board CTS is still collecting and determining bid prices for the boiler work at the high school. They will be at the Board meeting in February with a contract and detailed pricing.

Dr. Hogue informed the Board about the RISE (Rural Illinois Shared Education) software grant. Fulton High School, Sauk Valley Community College, and the Regional Office of Education are investigating the use of classroom web camera software that will allow students to have a dedicated space to connect to Sauk and other areas colleges that partner with RISE. Through a USDA grant all but 15% of the cost of the training, connectivity, software, and hardware is covered. A full classroom will cost \$8,800 and a remote classroom will cost \$5,500. Dr. Hogue will keep the Board informed when the grants become available.

Dr. Hogue indicated Mr. Henrekin would like to put together a revised fee schedule for sports participation. The IHSA has started to allow some sports, but most will have a limited schedule. The recommendation is to not charge for middle school sports and come up with a revised fee schedule for high school sports. The Board is in agreement with any adjustments that may be made.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Simmons, to approve the consent agenda including the December 16, 2020, Regular Board Meeting Minutes as printed; December Treasurer’s Report; January Bills recommended for payment in the amount of \$114,823.39, subject to audit; and authorization to dispose of closed session audio tapes dated: 3/18/19, 4/15/19, 5/20/19, and 6/17/19.

Roll Call Vote:

<i>Member Barnett, yea</i>	<i>Member Orman-Luker, yea</i>
<i>Member Fish, yea</i>	<i>Member Portz, yea</i>
<i>Member Meyers, yea</i>	<i>Member Simmons, yea</i>

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue recommended a five-year bus lease for seven buses, purchase one 2019 bus, and purchase the 2016 Braun Entervan. This option will maintain ten (10) full size buses in the fleet. Lease prices have significantly increased since the last cycle and owning one of the buses will reduce the cost of the lease. The district may be able to use CARES dollars to purchase the bus since this will aid in reducing number of students on each bus being transported.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Barnett, to approve a five-year bus lease with Central States Bus Sales for one (1) 2021 Microbird G5 14 Passenger bus in the amount of \$62,443, seven (7) 2022 Blue Bird T3FE 83 Passenger buses in the amount of \$105,040 per bus, purchase (1) 2019 Bluebird T3FE Passenger Bus for \$51,000, and purchase the 2016 Braun Entervan for \$12,750, with financing to be determined. Roll Call Vote:

<i>Member Barnett, yea</i>	<i>Member Orman-Luker, yea</i>
<i>Member Fish, yea</i>	<i>Member Portz, yea</i>
<i>Member Meyers, yea</i>	<i>Member Simmons, yea</i>

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue recommended approval of the Physical Education waiver application and submit to the Illinois State Board of Education for consideration.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Simmons, to approve the Physical Education waiver application and submit to the Illinois State Board of Education for consideration. Roll Call Vote:

<i>Member Barnett, yea</i>	<i>Member Orman-Luker, yea</i>
<i>Member Fish, yea</i>	<i>Member Portz, yea</i>
<i>Member Meyers, yea</i>	<i>Member Simmons, yea</i>

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue recommended approval of Fulton High School Curriculum Handbook revisions as presented.

It was moved by Member Simmons, seconded by Member Orman-Luker, to approve new coursed in the Fulton High School Curriculum Handbook including AP Statistics and Creative Writing. Roll Call Vote:

<i>Member Barnett, yea</i>	<i>Member Orman-Luker, yea</i>
<i>Member Fish, yea</i>	<i>Member Portz, yea</i>
<i>Member Meyers, yea</i>	<i>Member Simmons, yea</i>

Motion Carried.

The Policy Committee recommends approval of the second reading of select policy updates and adopt as policy

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Simmons, to approve the second reading of select policy updates and adopt as policy: 3:40, 4:10, 4:55, 4:80, 4:90, 4:150, 4:175, 5:30, 5:30-AP2, 5:190, 5:270, 6:15, 6:20, 6:40, 6:280, 6:300, 6:310, 6:315, 6:230, 6:340, 7:100, 7:140, 7:300, 7:325, and 7:340-AP1. Roll Call Vote:

<i>Member Barnett, yea</i>	<i>Member Orman-Luker, yea</i>
<i>Member Fish, yea</i>	<i>Member Portz, yea</i>
<i>Member Meyers, yea</i>	<i>Member Simmons, yea</i>

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue and President Portz reviewed the closed session minutes of February 19, 2020, and November 18, 2020, and recommend they both remain closed.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Simmons, to retain closed session minutes dated February 19, 2020, and November 18, 2020, at this time due to the need for confidentiality to exist to all or part of the minutes. Roll Call Vote:

<i>Member Barnett, yea</i>	<i>Member Orman-Luker, yea</i>
<i>Member Fish, yea</i>	<i>Member Portz, yea</i>
<i>Member Meyers, yea</i>	<i>Member Simmons, yea</i>

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue informed the Board the district received gifts from the Eric Ottens Memorial in the amount of \$4,232.04 for teacher requests and from Exelon in the amount of \$500 for Art and Music

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Simmons, to accept the gifts to the District as presented. Roll Call Vote:

Member Barnett, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Fish, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Meyers, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

There was no closed session.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Barnett, to approve the following personnel items:

- *Accepted the resignation of Jessie Rosenow, Softball Coach at Fulton High School, effective immediately.*
- *Accepted the resignation of Kellie Hendricks, Cook’s Helper at Fulton Elementary School, effective January 22, 2021.*
- *Accepted the resignation of Darwin Johnson, Fr/Soph Softball Coach at Fulton High School, effective immediately.*
- *Hired Amy Portz as Paraprofessional at Fulton Elementary School.*
- *Hired Sheena Quick as Paraprofessional at Fulton Elementary School for the second semester of the 2020-21 school year.*
- *Approved twelve (12) week (end of the school year would be approximately 7.5 weeks) Maternity/FMLA leave of absence for Jacqueline Meinsma, 3rd Grade Teacher at Fulton Elementary, beginning approximately April 6, 2021, returning the beginning of the 2021-22 school year.*

Roll Call Vote:

Member Barnett, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Fish, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Meyers, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, February 17, 2021, at 6:30 P.M., at the Fulton High School.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Barnett, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 P.M. Voice vote, all yea, motion carried.

Dan Portz, President
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Eric Fish, Secretary
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